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SUBJECT: LAO OFFICIALS SEND MESSAGES TO NEW THAI MINISTERS

1. THE LAO ACTING PRIME MINISTER AND ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER (THE PRINCIPALS BEING ON A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION) HAVE SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO THEIR NEWLY INSTALLED THAI OPPOSITE NUMBERS. BOTH MESSAGES ARE CORRECT AND IGNORE THE ACRIMONY THAT HAS CHARACTERIZED RELATIONS BETWEEN THAILAND AND LAOS SINCE THE COMMUNIST TAKEOVER IN VIENTIANE, THOUGH GIVEN THE STATE OF THESE RELATIONS, SOME OF THE STATEMENTS IN THE MESSAGES COULD CERTAINLY BE GIVEN A DOUBLE MEANING.

2. THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION'S DAILY BULLETIN OF APRIL 26 CARRIES THE TEXTS. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR TRANSLATIONS FROM THE FRENCH.

3. BEGIN TEXT: OFFICIAL TELEGRAM FROM MR. NOUHAK PHOUMSAVAN,
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ACTING PRIME MINISTER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR TO

MR. SENI PRAMOJ, PRIME MINISTER OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, BANGKOK.

I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONVEY TO YOU MY MOST SINCERE AND WARM CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AS HEAD OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND. ON THIS OCCASION I EXPRESS TO YOU AS WELL AS TO ALL THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GOVERNMENT AND TO THE FRATERNAL THAI PEOPLE MY BEST WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. I AM CONVINCED THAT THE LAO PEOPLE AND THE THAI PEOPLE, INHERITORS OF AGE-OLD HARMONIOUS FRIENDSHIP, WILL SURMOUNT ALL DIFFICULTIES AND OBSTACLES TO REINFORCE THEIR SOLIDARITY AND WILL LEND EACH OTHER ASSISTANCE SO AS TO BETTER THEIR LIVING CONDITIONS AND ASSURE THEIR WELL BEING. HIGH CONSIDERATIONS.

4. OFFICIAL TELEGRAM FROM MR. KHAMPHAY BOUPHA, ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE LPDR TO HIS EXCELLENCY BHICHAL RATTAKUI (SIC), MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, BANGKOK.

ON THE OCCASION OF YOUR APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, I HAVE THE HONOR TO CONVEY TO YOU MY MOST SINCERE AND WARM CONGRATULATIONS. I TAKE THIS OCCASION TO EXPRESS TO YOU AS WELL AS TO YOUR COLLEAGUES MY BEST WISHES FOR HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY. MAY THE TRADITIONAL FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO FRATERNAL PEOPLES BECOME STRONGER EVERY DAY. HIGH CONSIDERATION.

5. COMMENT: LEST THE THAI BECOME TOO EUPHORIC OVER THESE MISSIVES, THEY MIGHT NOTE THAT THE SAME ISSUE OF THE NEWSPAPER "VIENTIANE MAY" THAT CARRIES THE TWO LAO MESSAGES HAS ANOTHER ARTICLE ENTITLED "VIOLATION OF AIR SPACE BY THE THAI REACTIONARIES."
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